

Mineral Industry Surveys

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TIN IN NOVEMBER 2025

Domestic reported consumption of primary refined tin in November 2025 was 1,160 metric tons (t), compared with 1,170 t in October 2025, and a 3% increase from that in November 2024. Apparent consumption of refined tin in November 2025 was 3,570 t, a 26% increase from that in October 2025, and a 3% increase from that in November 2024 (table 1).

Prices

The S&P Global Platts Metals Week average New York dealer price of Grade A tin for November 2025 was \$17.23 per pound, a 2% increase from that in October 2025, and a 22% increase from that in November 2024. The average London Metal Exchange cash price of Grade A tin for November 2025 was \$16.78 per pound, a 3% increase from that in October 2025, and a 24% increase from that in November 2024 (fig. 1, table 2).

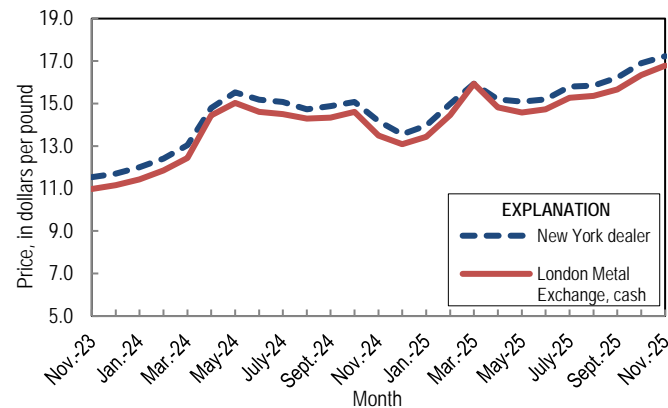


Figure 1. Average monthly prices for Grade A tin from November 2023 through November 2025. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

U.S. Trade

Total refined tin imports in November 2025 were 2,850 t, a 34% increase from that in October 2025, and a 9% increase from that in November 2024. The leading sources of refined tin in November 2025 were Peru (50%) and Bolivia (32%). Total refined tin exports in November 2025 were 60 t, a decrease of 17 t from those in October 2025 and an increase of 40 t from those in November 2024 (table 4).

Industry Participation

The U.S. Geological Survey’s (USGS) National Minerals Information Center canvasses the nonfuel mining and mineral processing industry in the United States for data on mineral production, consumption, recycling, stocks, and shipments. The data that companies provide are the foundation upon which the USGS builds its minerals information publications. Unless authorization is granted for release, the data furnished are aggregated to avoid disclosing company proprietary data and are treated as confidential by the Department of the Interior.

Companies may report on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and (or) annual basis, depending on the frequency of the surveys. Canvass forms are mailed shortly after the end of the reporting period and are requested to be returned within 15 to 30 days. In addition to reporting by paper canvass forms, companies can electronically submit data to contribute to this valuable effort.

Companies already registered with the USGS can sign up to report electronically by selecting the "Sign up" link at <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. To notify the USGS of a new operation, or for further information on registering for electronic submissions, visit <https://mids.er.usgs.gov>. The surveys that collect data for tin materials include the USGS tin survey, which has canvas codes of C56, C58, C60, C62, C63, and C93. Each survey targets specific participants in the tin supply chain: C56 and C60 for detinners and smelters; C58 for secondary smelters and consumers of lead-base and tin-base scrap; C62 for consumers of tin; C63 for agents, brokers, dealers, importers, and jobbers; and C93 for tin producers. For more information on how to participate in the tin surveys, please contact Chad Friedline using the contact information listed above.

A worksheet has been added to the excel table files that includes a macro to remove text from data cells. This will allow users to only have numbers in data cells. Please see the worksheet titled RemoveTextButton for instructions on how to use the tool. Note: you must download the excel file in order to use the tool.

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Table 1. Salient tin statistics.

[Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, except prices. Data are in metric tons unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are marked with a superscript "e."]

Product	2024	2025		
		October	November	January–November
Production				
Secondary ^{e, 1}	9,430	786	786	8,640
Consumption				
Primary, reported	14,300	1,170	1,160	13,100
Secondary, reported	389	36	36	335
Apparent ²	34,200	2,840	3,570	37,600
Imports for consumption				
Refined tin	25,400	2,130	2,850	29,800
Exports				
Refined tin	596	77	60	782
Stocks				
End of period	4,670	3,950	3,960	3,960
Prices (average cents per pound)³				
Metals Week New York dealer, Grade A	1,420.22	1,690.44	1,723.00	1,567.02
London Metal Exchange cash	1,367.87	1,634.46	1,678.46	1,521.35

¹Includes tin recovered from alloys and tinplate. The detinning of tinplate (coated steel) yields only a small part of the total.

²Defined as secondary production plus imports minus exports.

³Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.

Table 2. Average tin prices.

[Data are in cents per pound. Source: S&P Global Platts Metals Week.]

Period	Metals Week New York dealer, London Metal Exchange	
	Grade A	Cash
2024		
November	1,416.86	1,349.57
December	1,356.13	1,309.12
January–December	1,420.22	1,367.87
2025		
January	1,396.89	1,342.81
February	1,498.38	1,445.17
March	1,594.11	1,593.47
April	1,520.38	1,481.93
May	1,509.00	1,457.21
June	1,519.71	1,472.47
July	1,579.44	1,527.55
August	1,583.88	1,535.62
September	1,622.00	1,565.68
October	1,690.44	1,634.46
November	1,723.00	1,678.46
January–November	1,567.02	1,521.35

Table 3. Tinplate production and shipments in the United States.

[Data are in metric tons unless otherwise noted. Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, may not add to totals shown. NA, not available.]

Period	Tinplate (all forms)			
	Production			Shipments ¹ (gross weight)
	Gross weight	Tin content	Tin per metric ton of plate (kilograms)	
2024				
November	33,900	131	3.9	0
December	27,200	126	4.6	0
January–December	392,000	1,700	4.4	147,000
2025				
January	26,000	170	6.5	NA
February	23,100	153	6.6	NA
March	33,200	170	5.1	NA
April	27,700	146	5.3	NA
May	34,400	176	5.1	NA
June	33,000	149	4.5	NA
July	31,800	143	4.5	NA
August	26,000	140	5.4	NA
September	25,800	139	5.4	NA
October	30,400	154	5.1	NA
November	26,700	127	4.7	NA
Total	318,000	1,670	5.3	NA

¹Source: American Iron and Steel Institute monthly publication.

Table 4. U.S. tin imports for consumption and exports.

[Data are in metric tons, gross weight. Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits, may not add to totals shown. Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<https://usatrade.census.gov/>).]

Product and country or locality	2024	2025		
		October	November	January–November ¹
Imports, refined tin				
Belgium	313	31	0	221
Bolivia	8,480	393	915	7,120
Brazil	2,350	0	0	1,350
Canada	137	1	0	89
Indonesia	2,090	277	86	2,590
Malaysia	425	60	0	830
Peru	9,130	1,100	1,430	14,500
Poland	1,350	135	126	1,240
Rwanda	150	25	50	425
Thailand	525	50	90	583
Other	443	60	153	822
Total	25,400	2,130	2,850	29,800
Imports, other				
Alloys	731	103	124	1,060
Bars, rods, profiles, and wire	1,520	115	104	1,050
Flakes and powders	62	3	6	89
Foil	68	13	2	76
Plates, sheets, strip	3	2	20	185
Tubes, pipes, and tube and pipe fittings	771	1	0	42
Waste and scrap	8,210	269	476	6,500
Miscellaneous ²	710	60	42	700
Exports				
Refined tin	596	77	60	782
Alloys	1,330	154	29	797

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Includes other articles of tin not elsewhere specified or included (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States code 8007.00.5000).

Table 5. Reported consumption of tin in the United States, by finished product.

[Data are in metric tons of contained tin. Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. W, withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data; included with "other."]

Product	2024	2025						
		October			November			January– November ¹
		Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total	
Alloys (miscellaneous) ²	1,700	137	0	137	139	0	139	1,520
Babbitt	168	10	W	10	13	W	13	134
Bronze and brass	638	44	10	54	44	10	54	599
Chemicals	2,840	223	0	223	213	0	213	2,510
Solder	1,630	101	W	101	121	W	121	1,340
Tinning	231	19	0	19	19	0	19	208
Tinplate ³	1,720	154	W	154	127	W	127	1,670
Other ⁴	5,790	479	27	506	486	26	512	5,500
Total	14,700	1,170	36	1,200	1,160	36	1,200	13,500

¹May include revisions to previously published data.

²Includes terne metal.

³Includes secondary pig tin and tin components of tinplating chemical solutions.

⁴Includes bar tin and anodes, britannia metal, collapsible tubes and foil, jewelers' metal, pewter, tin powder, type metal, and white metal.